Causes	2003-04	2004-05*
Failure of Railway Staff	161	119
Failure of other than Railway Staff	107	78
Failure of equipment	18	14
Sabotage	18	4
Combination of factors	2	1
Incidental	17	16
Could not be established conclusively	2	2
Under Investigation	—	—
GRAND TOTAL	325	234

*Figures are provisional.

(c) Depending upon the gravity and seriousness of the lapse, appropriate penalty under the Discipline and Appeal Rules is imposed against defaulting officials.

(d) During the period 2003-04 to 2004-05, 853 Railway official have been taken up under Disciplinary and Appeal Rules and penalties, including dismissal and removal from service, have been imposed, for various lapses leading to consequential train accidents.

(e) To ensure compliance of safety norms, periodical safety drives are launched to focus on specific areas of concern. Inspections are conducted at various levels to monitor safety. Those found violating the safety norms are taken up under the Disciplinary and Appeal Rules. Conselling and refresher courses are held periodically to update skills and raise safety consciousness amongst staff.

Stalls at platforms in Konkan

†*351. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways on the demand of the residents of Konkan, had assured them at the time of introducing Konkan Railway in Maharashtra to provide stalls at the railway platforms;

(b) if so, the number of unemployed persons to whom stalls have been provided at railway platforms so far and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider to provide employment to such unemployed persons as per their demand?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Strike by CGHS staff

†*352. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about thirty thousand health employees of various institutions of the Central Government went on strike on 18 November, 2005, which had widely affected the health services;

(b) if so, the reasons for their strike;

(c) whether employees have requested Government to accept their demands before going on strike; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to accept their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Central Health Employees Federation (CHEF) had given a notice in their letter dated 19.10.2005 for one day strike on 18.11.2005 alleging non-fulfilment of their demands. Some Group 'C' and 'D' employees of Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and CGHS participated in the strike on 18.11.2005. However, there was no disruption of work in these hospitals as contingency plan was prepared for smooth functioning of concerned institutions. The employees of Lady Hardinge Medical College did not participate in the strike.

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